



# A Playing Pitch Strategy for Rother District Council

2012 - 2018

## APPENDICES

## Appendix A – National Planning Policy Framework

### 8. Promoting healthy communities

73. Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.

74. Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

75. Planning policies should protect and enhance public rights of way and access. Local authorities should seek opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails.

76. Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances. Identifying land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

77. The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

## **Appendix B – Sport England Documents**

### **Good Practice Guide: ‘Providing for sport and recreation through new housing development’ (Sport England 2001).**

Emphasis is given to:

- pursuing a strategic approach at local authority level
- the need to link the corporate strategy and Best Value work of authorities with the process of negotiating new and refurbished sports facilities
- joint working between sport and leisure professionals and land use planners within authorities
- the provision of sound justification for what is sought from developers and other applicants for planning permission

### **Sport England Strategy 2012 – 17: ‘Transforming sport to be a habit for life’**

Emphasis on:

- Seeing more people taking on and keeping a sporting habit for life
- Creating more opportunities for young people
- Nurturing and developing talent
- Providing the right facilities in the right places
- Supporting local authorities and unlocking local funding
- Ensuring real opportunities for communities.

This is particularly significant in highlighting the role of local authorities, governing bodies, clubs and schools. Included are prioritising initiatives for 14-25 year olds, education settings and facilities in places they are needed linking into Active People data.

### **Opening School guidance 2012 – Sport England**

This recognises most pitches (52%) and sports halls (76%) and artificial pitches (73%) are on educational sites. For Rother this 52% of pitches and 80% of sport halls and most artificial pitches are on educational sites with Rother DC owning none.

With educational facilities having resources for sport and 14 – 25 year olds being a priority along with Rother schools and colleges having significant funding allocated to them in the last few years this helps shape form one of the recommendations.

## Appendix C – NICE Publications

- Start Active, Stay Active: A report on physical activity. DH 2011
- Great outdoors: how our natural health service uses green space to improve wellbeing: an action report. Faculty of Public Health 2010
- Community green: using local spaces to tackle inequality and improve health. CABI 2010
- NICE guidance to Local Authorities on benefits of encouraging people to be more active.
- [www.publications.nice.org.uk/physical-activity-phb3/what-can-local-authorities-achieve-by-encouraging-people-to-be-more-physically-active#meet-new-responsibilities](http://www.publications.nice.org.uk/physical-activity-phb3/what-can-local-authorities-achieve-by-encouraging-people-to-be-more-physically-active#meet-new-responsibilities)
- Physical activity and the environment. NICE 2008.

## **Appendix D – Rother District Council Local Plan**

### **Policy CO3**

The provision of sufficient, well-managed and accessible open spaces, sports and recreation facilities, including indoor sports facilities, will be achieved by:

- i. safeguarding existing facilities from development, and only permitting their loss where it results in improved provision (in terms of quantity and quality) as part of a redevelopment or elsewhere within the locality;
- ii. allocating land for open space, sports and recreation purposes, and permitting proposals for the improvement of existing or provision of new facilities, in localities where deficits in facilities are identified;
- iii. application of the quantity, access and quality standards of Rother's Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study across all open spaces, including indoor sports facilities within the district;
- iv. requiring either direct provision or financial contributions towards improvements to existing open space, sport and recreation provision to ensure adopted standards are maintained within the locality;
- v. increasing access to the countryside by promoting improvements to the rights of way network, especially around the urban areas, particularly in reference to Pebsham Countryside Park;
- vi. giving particular support for water-based recreation along the coast near Camber Sands and Bexhill, and at Bewl Water.

## Appendix E – Local Action Plans

The actions listed below are those that Rother District Council are aware of and it may be that some of them have been implemented. Likewise it may be that new actions have emerged that relate to improvements to playing pitches and we will endeavour to take account of any new actions in future playing pitch strategies.

Community	Action	Theme
Ashburnham	Consult with younger people to establish their needs and aspirations for recreational facilities and spaces.	Facilities for younger children
Battle	Identify a project leader to arrange further consultation on recreation and sports ground facilities.	Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities
Bexhill	Clear policy to protect green open spaces.  Increase amount of communal spaces available for exercise and enjoyment.	
Burwash	Review existing play areas, identify improvements and explore funding options.	Sport & recreation
Camber	Consult to establish the requirements for further play facilities.	
Catsfield	Refurbishment and improvement of the playground.	Further priorities.
Crowhurst	To maintain high standard of upkeep of Recreation Ground.  Maintain ditches and drainage at Recreation Ground	Leisure & Recreation
Etchingam	Support for Etchingam Trust for Sports & Recreation	Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities
Hurst Green	Provision of facilities such as Skate Park, Tennis Courts and a Bowling Green.	Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities
Icklesham	Consult further regarding the provision of youth recreational facilities and spaces.	Facilities for teenagers
Iden	Provide improved recreational facilities and opportunities for children and younger people.	
Northiam	Establish more facilities for children.	Education & Leisure

Community	Action	Theme
Pett	<p>As the Parish Council is already looking at a children's play area, further thought might be given to whether there is any other land available to extend activities available for all (young and old).</p> <p>Develop an area for children aged 8 and above as the recreation ground facilities are in need of updating and are geared towards very young children.</p>	Culture & Leisure/Children & Young People
Rye	Provision of youth recreational facilities and spaces in Rye.	Facilities for teenagers
Sedlescombe	General improvements to playground and improve play areas to meet current needs	Facilities for younger children
Ticehurst	Ticehurst Institute recreation ground - obtain grants for renovation works.	Community Assets
Udimore	Enhance the village playground by the provision of additional equipment and improved facilities	Facilities for younger children
Westfield	Support the development of the Westfield Down proposal	Recreation

## Appendix F – Population Estimates

**Dataset: Population estimates in 2012 – wards (East Sussex in Figures)**

Area	Total	Age Group				
		0-15	16-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Rother	91208	14552	10507	12090	26608	27451
Battle Town	4874	946	549	688	1354	1337
Brede Valley	5042	842	499	703	1785	1213
Central (Bexhill)	5276	698	890	731	1173	1784
Collington (Bexhill)	4552	398	415	391	1165	2183
Crowhurst	2520	434	198	344	979	565
Darwell	5175	1050	501	806	1848	970
Eastern Rother	5748	922	811	764	1909	1342
Ewhurst & Sedlescombe	2469	464	239	326	892	548
Kewhurst (Bexhill)	4662	579	376	491	1168	2048
Marsham	3918	473	327	406	1512	1200
Old Town (Bexhill)	3985	608	512	493	959	1413
Rother Levels	4907	930	389	698	1679	1211
Rye	4503	646	751	626	1285	1195
Sackville (Bexhill)	5254	402	533	505	1181	2633
St Marks (Bexhill)	4608	546	588	407	1179	1888
St Michaels (Bexhill)	5077	751	582	653	1252	1839
St Stephens (Bexhill)	4575	837	510	663	1220	1345
Salehurst	4508	1035	646	787	1348	692
Sidley (Bexhill)	5425	1132	806	835	1367	1285
Ticehurst & Etchingham	4130	859	385	773	1353	760



## Appendix G – Sport England Market Segmentation Data

Key segmentations for Rother include:

- Ralph and Phyllis or Comfortable Retired Couples (who make-up 10.54% of the population, almost 7% more than the national average)
- Elsie and Arnold' (9.9%)
- Tim (9.8%)

### **Ralph and Phyllis:** 10.54% of population

Age 65+ Comfortable Retired Married Couple  
Owner occupier, Without children, Social group ABC1

Sports: Bowls, Golf, Tennis, Table Tennis, Snooker, Walking, Fishing, Swimming

Hobbies: Enjoy painting, reading and playing a musical instrument.  
Regularly enjoy visiting museum and heritage sites and taking foreign holidays.

### **Elsie and Arnold:** 9.9 % of population

Age 65+ Singles Retirement Home majority female  
Owner Occupier and Council, Without children, Social group DE

Sports: Walking Dancing Bowls Low-Impact Exercise

Hobbies: Keen to participate in the arts and listens to music.

### **Tim:** 9.8% of population

Age, 26-45 Settling Down Married Males  
Owner Occupied, Approximately half have children, Employed fulltime, Social group ABC1

Sports: Canoeing Cricket Cycling Squash Skiing Golf Cricket Football

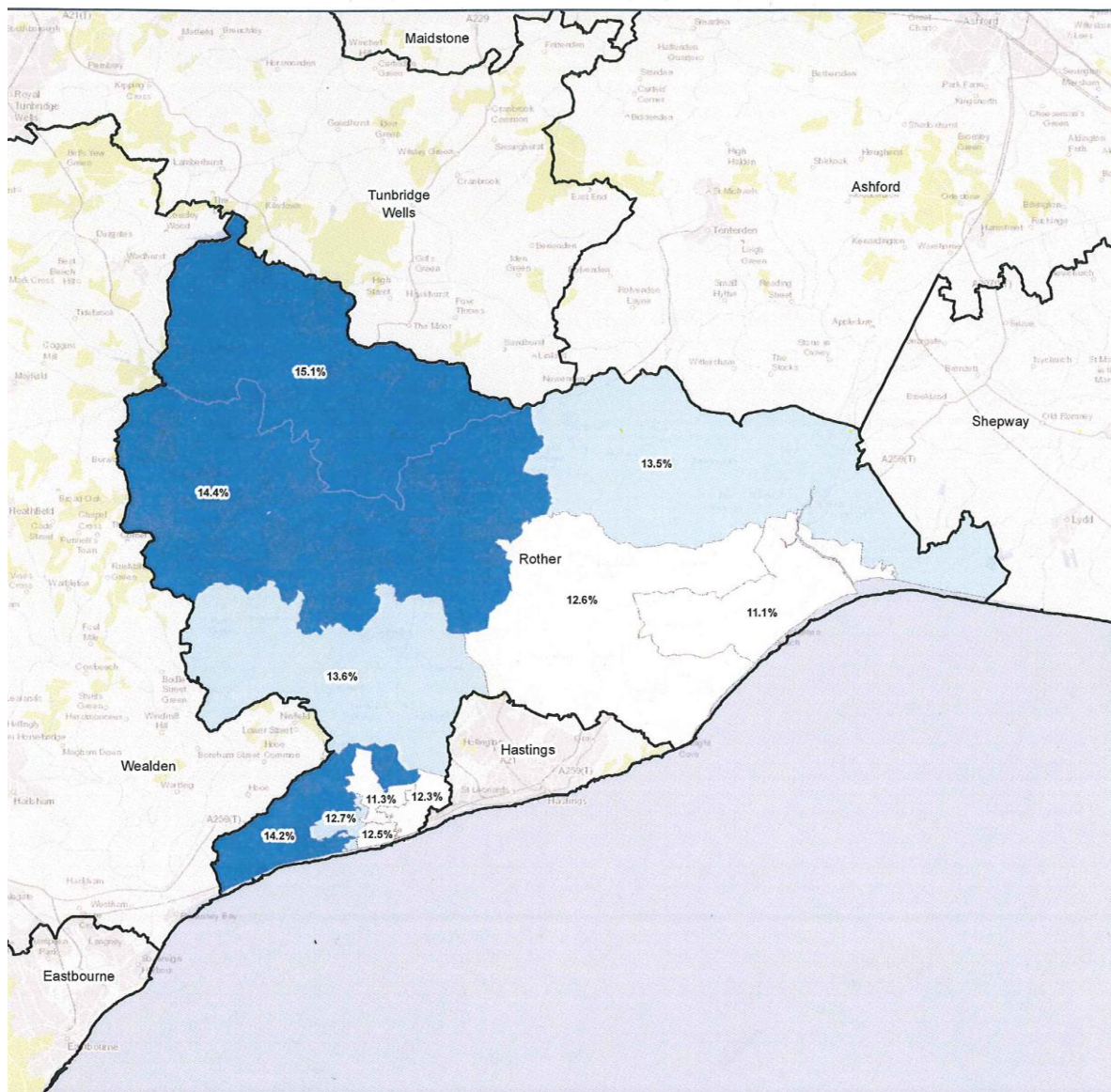
Hobbies: Keen to participate in the arts, listens to music and photography.  
Watches live sporting events and volunteers in areas connected to sport.

(Source: Sport England)



## Appendix H: Sport England local area data

Adult participation in sport, by Medium Super Output area:  
Rother



Participation is defined as the percent of the adult population (age 16 and over) participating in at least 30 minutes of sport of at least moderate intensity on at least three days a week.

Modelled estimates of participation are based on data from Sport England's Active People Survey 3 (October 2008-October 2009) and Active People Survey 4 (October 2009-October 2010).

MSOA participation estimates are based on modelled or 'synthetic' estimates of participation. Synthetic or modelled estimates combine survey data from Active People with other data sources that are available at the area level (for example, health indicators, socioeconomic status etc) and through a three stage statistical modelling process, provide small area estimates of participation.

Medium Super Output areas (MSOA's) are a geography for the collection and publication of small area statistics. MSOA's have a minimum population of 5,000; and a mean population of 7,200.

Visit the Sport England Research website ([www.sportengland.org/research](http://www.sportengland.org/research)) for more information on Active People Survey and the modelled small area estimates, including:

- an Excel file with the participation estimates by MSA in tabular format
- further information on the small area estimates of participation modelling process, including Technical Report.
- further information on National Indicator 8 (adult participation in sport and active recreation)

### Legend

#### Participation estimates 2008-10

##### Quantile classification\*

- 9.1% - 12.7% (low)
- 12.8% - 14% (low-middle)
- 14.1% - 15.6% (middle-high)
- 15.7% - 24.4% (high)

\* Quantile classification: Each class contains an equal number of records. With four classes each contains roughly 25% of all MSA records.



## How active is Rother?

- 21.9% of adults in Rother take part in sport and active recreation compared to the national average of 21.8%<sup>1</sup>
- However, 50.5% of adults do no sport or active recreation at all<sup>1</sup>
- And, 51.3% of adult residents in Rother want to start playing sport or do a bit more.<sup>2</sup>

## What are Rother's sporting statistics?

- 9.9% of your adult residents are regular sports volunteers, compared to the national average of 7.3%<sup>3</sup>
- 23.5% are members of sports clubs, compared to 23.3% nationally<sup>1</sup>
- 70.5% are satisfied with sporting provision in the area, compared to 69.0% nationally<sup>4</sup>
- Your most popular sports for adults are: Swimming, Cycling, Gym, Athletics and Football.<sup>1</sup>

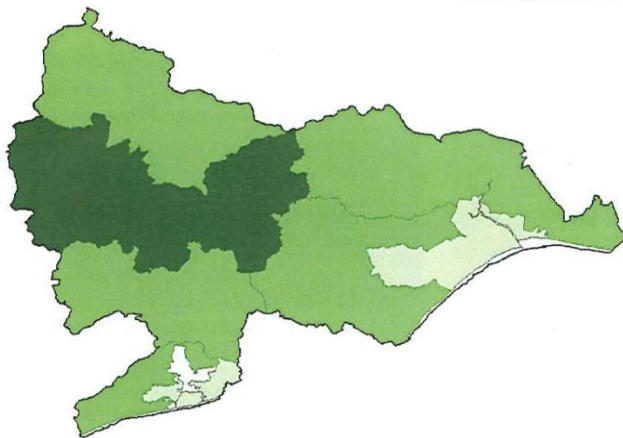
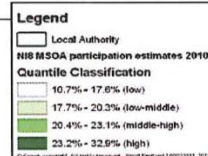
## What does inactivity cost?

- The health costs of inactivity in Rother is at least £2.0 million per year<sup>5</sup>
- Nationally the cost of responding to incidents of anti-social behaviour is £3.4 billion per year<sup>6</sup>

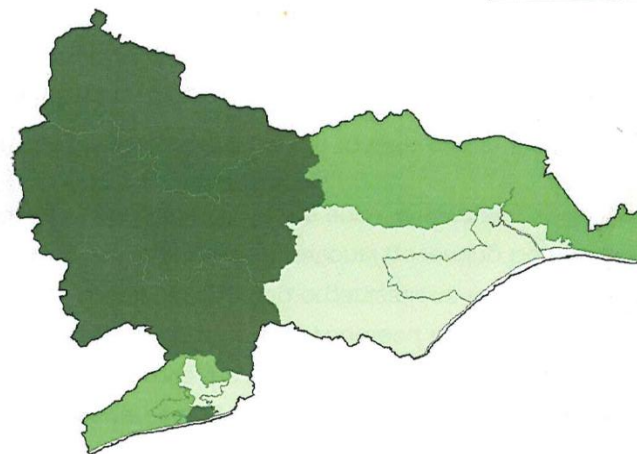
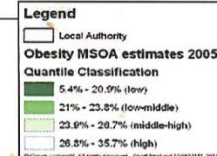
## The value of investing in sport

- Sport contributes economically to your community with 35 businesses trading in sporting goods or services in your area<sup>7</sup>
- The health gains of a 30-49 year-old who plays football are valued at £27,600 over their lifetime<sup>8</sup>
- Youngsters who are active have numeracy scores, on average, 8% higher than non-participants<sup>9</sup>
- Sport is the number one choice for volunteering: 52% of adults who volunteer do so in sport.<sup>9</sup>

### Adult participation in sport and active recreation\*



### Adult obesity rates\*\*



\*Source: Sport England Active People Survey (APS)  
Dataset: APS3 and APS4 Model Based Estimates, 2008-2010

\*\*Source: The NHS Information Centre for health and social care (The NHS IC)  
Dataset: Healthy Lifestyle Behaviours: Model Based Estimates, 2003-2005

**Sport England can help your council improve its sports offer, get more people taking part and save you money.**

**To find out how, turn over.**



# Rother

## Adult participation in sport and active recreation

### Legend

Local Authority

N18 MSAO participation estimates 2010

### Quantile Classification

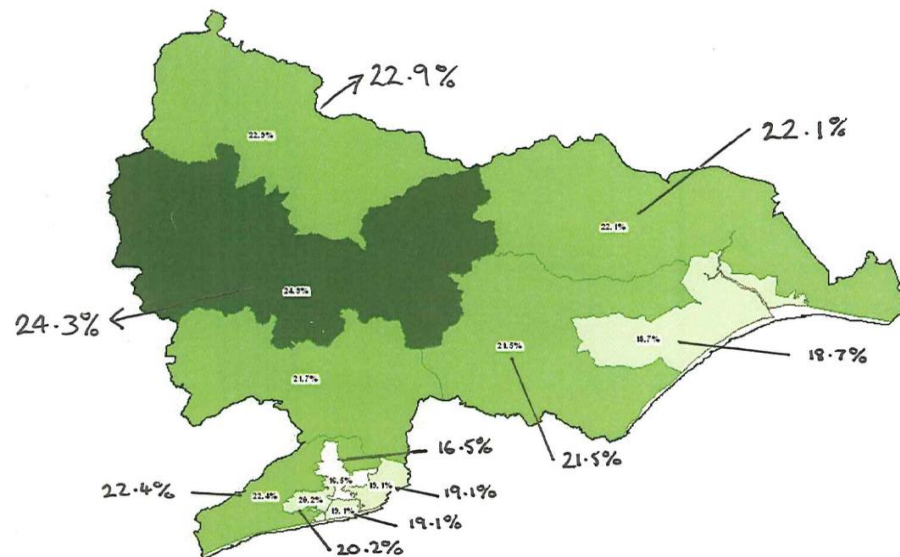
10.7% - 17.6% (low)

17.7% - 20.3% (low-middle)

20.4% - 23.1% (middle-high)

23.2% - 32.9% (high)

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Source: Sport England Active People Survey (APS)  
Dataset: APS3 and APS4 Model Based Estimates, 2008-2010

## Adult obesity rates

### Legend

Local Authority

Obesity MSAO estimates 2005

### Quantile Classification

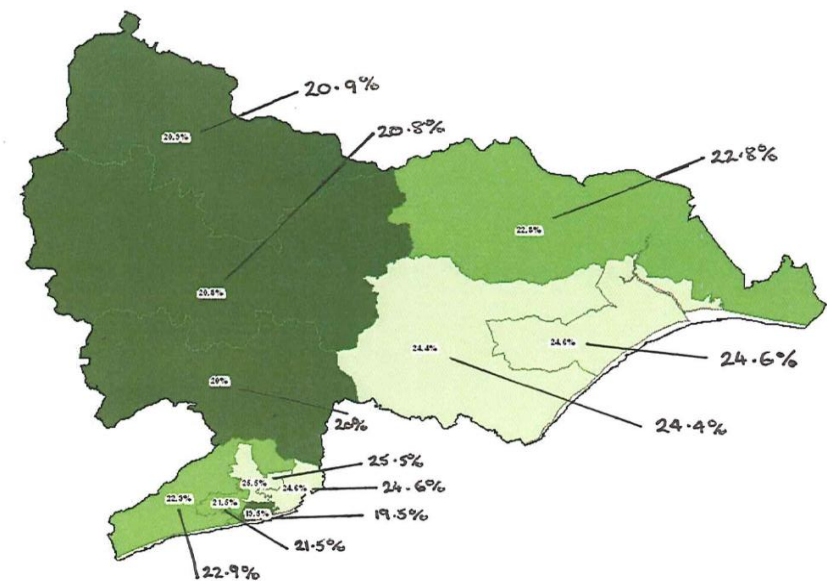
5.4% - 20.9% (low)

21% - 23.8% (low-middle)

23.9% - 26.7% (middle-high)

26.8% - 35.7% (high)

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Source: The NHS Information Centre for health and social care (The NHS IC)  
Dataset: Healthy Lifestyle Behaviours: Model Based Estimates, 2003-2005

## Appendix I – Adult Participation in Sport

### Adult (16+) Participation in Sport & Active Recreation (formerly NI8) by year, frequency and gender

Indicator	Year	Rother			South East			England		
		All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
0 days / 0x30	2005/06	56.0%	49.6%	61.6%	46.2%	41.3%	50.8%	50.0%	45.1%	54.6%
	2009/11	50.5%	46.6%	53.9%	45.3%	39.9%	50.5%	48.2%	42.2%	54.0%
1-3 days	2005/06	7.6%	9.6%	5.8%	9.5%	10.3%	8.8%	8.8%	9.5%	8.1%
	2009/11	9.1%	11.1%	7.4%	9.8%	10.6%	9.0%	9.1%	9.9%	8.4%
4-7 days / 1x30	2005/06	10.4%	12.6%	8.5%	12.9%	13.7%	12.1%	12.0%	12.8%	11.3%
	2009/11	10.8%	9.0%	12.3%	13.1%	14.2%	12.0%	12.4%	13.5%	11.4%
8-11 days / 2x30	2005/06	6.3%	7.6%	*	8.5%	9.3%	7.8%	8.0%	8.7%	7.3%
	2009/11	7.7%	9.8%	5.9%	8.9%	9.9%	8.0%	8.3%	9.3%	7.4%
12-19 days / 3x30	2005/06	8.4%	10.0%	7.0%	10.4%	11.8%	9.0%	9.6%	10.9%	8.4%
	2009/11	8.3%	9.1%	7.6%	10.7%	12.1%	9.4%	10.6%	12.1%	9.2%
12+ days / 3x30 - NI8	2005/06	19.8%	20.9%	19.0%	22.9%	25.4%	20.6%	21.3%	24.0%	18.7%
	2009/11	21.9%	23.5%	20.6%	22.9%	25.4%	20.6%	21.9%	25.2%	18.9%
20+ days / 5x30	2005/06	11.5%	10.9%	12.1%	12.5%	13.6%	11.5%	11.7%	13.1%	10.3%
	2009/11	13.7%	14.4%	13.0%	12.2%	13.4%	11.1%	11.3%	13.1%	9.7%

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), 2009/11 (APS4/5) or 2010/11 (APS5) Measure: Adult participation





## Appendix J : Sites, pitches and ownership

	Site ID	Area	Site Name	Address	Ownership	Management	C	S	T	F	M	R	P/C	Other Comments (from PMP audit)
Bexhill														
	100	Bexhill	The Polegrove	Brockley Road	RDC	RDC	1			3			1	2x adult football, 1xmini soccer, floodlit training area, clubhouse, grandstand, 4xbowls
	152	Bexhill	Little Common Recreation Ground		RDC	RDC	1	1	2	5			1	
	160	Bexhill	St Marys Recreation Ground	St. Marys Lane	RDC	RDC				2				
	183	Bexhill	Sidley Sports and Social Club	Off Glovers Lane	Private	Private	1			1			1	
	192	Bexhill	Sidley Rec	Canada Way / Buxton Drive	RDC	RDC	1			2			1	
	223	Bexhill	Gullivers Bow ls Club	Knole Road, Bexhill, TN40 1LJ										2x bow ls pitch
		Bexhill	Egerton Park Bow ling Green	Egerton Park, Bexhill, TN39 3HL										1X bow ls pitch
	100	Bexhill	Polegrove Recreation Ground	Brockley Road, Bexhill,			1						1	4x bow ls pitch
		Bexhill	Bexhill College Sports Centre & STP	Penland Road, Bexhill, TN39 2JG										1xastro pitch
		Bexhill	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club	Clubhouse, 9 Withyham Road, Cooden, TN39 3BD										
		Bexhill	Egerton Park Tennis Courts	Egerton Park, Bexhill, TN39 3HL					8					
	900	Bexhill	Bexhill Dow n	Dow n Road	RDC	RDC	1			2			1	
	909	Bexhill	Bulverhythe Rec Ground and Football Pitch		HBC	HBC				12			2	10xadult pitch, 1x mini football pitch, 1x junior football pitch
Battle Area														
	262	Battle	North Trade Road Rec	North Trade Road	Battle TC	BTC			2	2			1	
		Battle	Battle Bow ls Club Green	Low er Lake, Battle, East Sussex, TN33										1X bow ls pitch
	286	Battle	Park Lane Cricket Ground	George Meadow , off park lane, battle, TN33 OAA			1						1	
	291	Battle	Telham Lane Cricket Ground	Off Hastings Road			1						1	
	238	Battle	Battle Area Sports Centre	North Trade Road				L						Planned astro
		Battle	Beauport Park Golf Course & Tennis courts	Battle Road, St Leonards										
	279	Ashburnham	Ashburnham Recreation Ground	Church Road, Ashburnham, TN33			1	1						
	379	Brightling	Brightling Cricket Ground	Left on road betw een Tw elve Oaks & Brightling TN32 5			1	1						
	245	Catsfield	Catsfield Rec	The Green, catsfield, nr battle, TN33 9	Catsfield PC		1	2	1				1	
	913	Mountfield	King Georges Field	off London road, johns cross roundabout TN32 5	Mountfield PC		1	1	?					
	927	Mountfield	Solomans Lane Rec	Solomons Lane					1				1	
	351	Netherfield	Netherfield Rd Rec	Betw een school and Netherfield Court.	Battle				1				1	
		Crow hurst	Crow hurst Park	Telam Lane, Battle, TN33, OSJ			1						1	
	998	Crow hurst	Crow hurst Rec		Crow hurst PC		1		1					
Westfield Area														
	623	Broad Oak	Brede/Broad Oak Recreation Ground	udimore road, broad oak tn31 6	PC			1	1	2			1	2xjunior football pitch l
	368	Westfield	Westfield Sports Ground		ESCC									1x football pitch (no goals on visit) 1xpavilion
	922	Westfield	Sandhurst Recreation Ground	The Ridge	hbc		2				5			2x mini football pitch, 3x junior football pitch
		Westfield	Beaulieu Cricket Ground	Baldslow Dow n, Westfield			1							
		Westfield	Westfield Tennis / Bow ls Clubs	Mill Lane, Westfield, Tn35					1				1	1X bow ls pitch
		Sedlescombe	Sedlescombe Golf club & Tennis courts	Kent Street, sedlescombe, TN33 OSD					2					
		Sedlescombe	Sedlescombe Tennis Courts	The Street, sedlescombe, TN33 0					2				1	
	368	Sedlescombe	Sedlescombe sports field	The Street (east) TN33 0			1	1		1			1	
Northiam Area														
	694	Beckley	Beckley Recreation Ground	jubilee recreation ground, beckley, TN31 6	PC			1	1	2	1			1xjunior football ground (no goals)
		Beckley	Beckley Bow ls Club	Kingsbank Lane, Beckley,										1X bow ls pitch
	691	Beckley	Beckley Cricket Ground	Rectory Lane, Beckley, TN31 6			1						1	
	603	Northiam	Northiam Playing Fields	main street, northiam, rye, TN31 6NB	PC			1		1	1		1	
		Northiam	Northiam Bow ls Club											
		Northiam	The Jubilee	The Cavix Field, Northiam, Rye, Tn31										
	708	Peasmarsh	Peasmarsh Recreation Ground	The old hop gardens	PC			1		1	1		1	
	720	Iden	Iden Recreation Ground	South side of Church Lane (west side of village) TN31 7	PC				1	3			1	2 six a side pitches - not marked, just temporary plastic goals - being used for kids training session
		Iden	Iden Bow ls Club	Junction of main street + Grove Lane										1X bow ls pitch
	390	Ew hust	Ew hurst Green Rec Ground	village street, ew hurst green. TN32 5	PC								1	possible old pavilion



Ticehurst Area												
516	Stonegate	Stonegate Recreation Ground	cottenden road, stonegate, TN5 7	Ticehurst		1		1				
	Stonegate	Stonegate Cricket Field	Station Road, Stonegate, TN5 7	Ticehurst		1				1		
517	Stonegate	Stonegate Football Pitch		PC				1				
593	Flimwell	Flimwell Cricket Ground	High Street, flimwell, TN5 7PA	Ticehurst		1	1			1		
592	Ticehurst	Ticehurst Recreation Ground	High street, ticehurst, TN5 7	PC				1				
	Ticehurst	The Bell Field	Ticehurst	Ticehurst								
995	Ticehurst	Ticehurst sports ground		PC								
Robertsbridge Area												
500	Burwash Cmn	Burwash Common	North of A265	PC		1		2	1			junior football pitch (one goal/no markings)
509	Burwash	Ham Lane Outdoor Sports Facilities	Ham Lane, off High Street, Burwash			1	1	2	1		1	
410	Hurst Green	Hurst Green OSF	Station Road	PC				1				small football pitch
411	Hurst Green	Hurst Green Cricket Ground	Drewitt Field, lane south of post office, TN19 7			1						
404	Robertsbridge	Robertsbridge Recreation Ground	The Clappers	Salehurst				1				goal posts
	Robertsbridge	Staplecross Bowls Club	Northiam road, Staplecross, Robertsbridge, TN32 5qd	Ewhurst								1X bowls pitch
385	Robertsbridge	Staplecross Recreation Ground	Northiam road, Staplecross, Robertsbridge, TN32 5qd	Ewhurst		1	1					
419	Bodiam	Bodiam Recreation Green	off the green, bodiam	PC		1		1	2		1	
Rye Area												
903	Camber	Lydd Road football pitch		PC				1	1			1x junior football pitch (2goals - no nets)
	Camber	New Lydd Road, Tennis Courts	New Lydd Road						1			
997	Guestling	Guestling Playing Fields	Rye road, Guestling, TN35 4			2	1				1	1X bowls pitch
65	Fairlight	Wood Field	Off Woodland Way/Commanders Walk					1	1			1x mini football net, 1x bowls
667	Icklesham	Icklesham Recreation/ Cricket Ground	Main Road TN36 4	ESCC		1	1	1			1	
70	Pett	Pett Recreation Ground Sports Facilities	Pett Road	PC	PC	1	1	1			1	1xbowls
677	Winchelsea	Winchelsea Beach Recreation Ground		PC				2			1	2x junior football pitches (no goals)
676	Winchelsea	Winchelsea Recreation Ground	Rectory Lane, Winchelsea, TN36 4			1					1	
	Winchelsea	Winchelsea Bowling Green	Rectory Lane, Winchelsea, TN36 4								1	1 x bowls pitch
680	Udimore	Udimore Cricket Pitch	Churchfields, Udimore Road, Udimore			1					1	
	Rye	Rye Bowling Green	Fishmarket Road, rye, TN31									1X bowls pitch
53	Rye	Rye Rugby Club	New Road, Rye, TN31 7LS									
	Rye	Rother Meads Tennis & Games Club	115 Military Road, Rye, TN31 7NY									
	Rye	Rye Sports Centre	The Grove, Rye, TN31 7ND					4				1x planned MUGA
50	Rye	Rye Salts Recreation Ground	Fishmarket Road, rye, TN31	RDC	RDC	1		1			1	1 x football pitch with small stand and dugouts
								56			37	
	c= cricket	s= stoolball	t= tennis	F= Football	M = Multi Use or MUGA	R = Rugby	P/C= pavilion/	changing				

## Appendix K – Analysis of supply and demand and resultant recommendations

Bexhill				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	43,316	3000	Bexhill College Bexhill High St. Mary's Special School	Polegrove Egerton Park Bowls The Down Little Common RG Sidley RG Sidley Social Club Gulliver's Bowls Club St Mary's RG
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	1356 additional dwellings	650		
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As well as council pitches, schools and colleges contribute to providing facilities especially in terms of artificial pitches for training.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bexhill is likely to see the biggest rise in population in the next 5 years. This will increase the need for playing pitches.</li></ul>			
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approximately 48% of the district's population reside in Bexhill.</li><li>Sidley and Central wards are amongst the most deprived in the country.</li><li>Some wards have three times more than the national average of people over 75 years of age such as Collington.</li><li>Sidley has slightly more people under 19 than the national average.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase opportunities for community use of existing and future facilities at educational establishments.</li></ul>			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sussex Cricket Board has highlighted capacity issues in Bexhill.</li><li>Evidence from existing clubs, especially Bexhill Cricket Club that there is a lack of pitches for juniors and seniors meaning clubs have to utilise pitches outside the district.</li><li>Bexhill Club is looking to increase use of St Mary's Recreation Ground but pitch and pavilion improvements are needed and the club cannot absorb increased maintenance costs.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Good, but none are excellent.</li><li>Those playing at higher levels are affected by the need for higher standards.</li></ul>			

Bexhill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The outfield at the Polegrove suffers through use for other activities (football + events).</li> <li>Sussex Cricket Board has highlighted a need to improve training areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket pavilions range from excellent at Little Common to average on the Downs and Sidley.</li> <li>Sussex Cricket Board has highlighted a need to improve pavilions.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve existing pitches to accommodate the needs of clubs seeking to play to a high standard.</li> <li>2. Pursue opportunities to develop an accessible, high quality cricket facility at a new site in order to relocate Bexhill Cricket Club from the Polegrove and to address the shortfall in provision for juniors and seniors. If unsuccessful, consider improving accommodation at the Polegrove.</li> <li>3. Support initiatives to bring accommodation at St. Mary's Recreation Ground up to NGB standards if the demand arises.</li> <li>4. Pursue opportunities to develop training areas to alleviate pressure on pitches. These could be indoor facilities as part of new leisure developments.</li> </ol>
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of Sunday clubs has decreased in recent years whereas the demand for pitch provision on Saturdays has increased to the point where it exceeds availability.</li> <li>Requests have been made for additional junior pitches in the past and additional pitches have been marked on the Downs.</li> <li>The growth of 9 v 9 football will lead to additional demand and potentially cause availability issues exacerbated by the forecasted increase in population and participation.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, but none are excellent.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Common: excellent</li> <li>Polegrove: good</li> <li>The Downs and Sidley: average. (Bexhill Amateur Athletic Club consider the changing facilities to be inadequate.)</li> <li>There a very few dedicated facilities for the disabled and only a small number of facilities that can accommodate male and female matches at any one time.</li> <li>Parking is a problem for matches on the Downs and at St Mary's Recreation Ground.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve pitch quality across Bexhill when opportunities arise, prioritising those pitches used for higher standards of play in order to facilitate club progression.</li> <li>2. Support initiatives to improve accommodation at the Downs, Sidley, St. Mary's Recreation Ground and the Polegrove. Consider combined accommodation with other sports where possible.</li> <li>3. Through the Planning process, ensure that additional provision is made, including indoor provision for 5-a-side</li> </ol>

Bexhill	
	and/or that accommodation at existing sites is upgraded to encourage increased use where capacity exists. 4. Pursue opportunities to develop training areas to alleviate pressure on pitches, particularly the Polegrove and Little Common. These could be MUGAs or dedicated small-scale facilities.
Rugby	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is currently no capacity to accommodate rugby in Bexhill. Hastings &amp; Bexhill Rugby Club now play in Hastings.</li> <li>A new facility may come about at Bulverhythe as a result of planning gain.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently there is no pitch provision.</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Recommendations	1. Consider pitch opportunities as part of the North Bexhill development as a possible alternative to Bulverhythe.
Hockey	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are artificial pitches at Bexhill College and Bexhill High School available for hockey. They have been used for second strings at Saxons Hockey (Hastings). Currently this meets demand.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not known.</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not known.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	1. No further provision needed at current time.
Bowls	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are public greens at the Polegrove (4no.), Egerton Park (1no.) and Sidley Recreation Ground (1no.) plus private facilities at Gulliver's Bowls Club.</li> <li>Currently the quantity meets the demand.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very good. (Quality at Gulliver's is unknown.)</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation at Sidley Recreation Ground is excellent.</li> <li>Pavilions at the Polegrove and Egerton Park are showing signs of age.</li> <li>Opportunities in the past for the provision of new accommodation shared with the cricket and football clubs were not taken up by the clubs.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisit the possibility of shared accommodation at the Polegrove when opportunities arise.</li> <li>Support initiatives to improve accommodation at Egerton Park when resources allow.</li> </ol>

Battle				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	4943	540	Claverham Community College (Sports College)	North Trade Road RG George Meadow Cricket Ground Battle Bowls Club
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	256 additional dwellings	118		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Percentage of people aged 0-14 years is in-line with the national average.</li><li>Percentage of people aged over 75 years is above the national average.</li><li>22% of households don't have cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provision exists through Battle Town Council, private clubs and Claverham Community College.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Existing provision is unlikely to be sufficient in terms of quantity for the projected future population.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. Ensure initiatives for new or improved provision are inclusive i.e. suitable for all abilities and genders.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No evidence that additional provision is needed although Battle Cricket Club sometimes utilises facilities at Claverham College.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>George Meadow (Battle Cricket Club): Good.</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>George Meadow (Battle Cricket Club): Excellent.</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. Support Battle Cricket Club where possible to develop junior teams and related training facilities. 2. Focus resources on improving existing provision.			
Football				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use of North Trade Road Recreation Ground by several teams creates capacity issues and presents a barrier to the Battle Baptists setting up a third team. This will be exacerbated by the anticipated increased population.</li><li>Little dedicated provision for juniors which may become an issue.</li><li>The artificial pitch at Claverham College adequately supplements the MUGA at North Trade Road in terms of training provision.</li></ul>			

Battle	
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Trade Road Recreation Ground: Good. Clubs would like to see drainage improved.</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Trade Road Recreation Ground: Excellent.</li> <li>Claverham College: Limited facilities near the pitch.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek to provide an additional senior pitch, particularly if new residential areas are developed and additional junior provision if demand increases.</li> <li>Improve drainage at North Trade Road Recreation Ground.</li> </ol>
Rugby	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A. No existing club has been identified. Potential capacity at Claverham College should arise in the future.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A (No pitches)</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at the current time.</li> </ol>
Hockey	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dedicated hockey pitches.</li> <li>Hockey can be played on the artificial pitch at Claverham College, but it isn't sand based and therefore isn't ideal for matches.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A (No pitches)</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at the current time.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battle Bowls Club: Good.</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battle Bowls Club: Very good.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at the current time.</li> </ol>

<b>Crowhurst</b>
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Crowhurst				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	2,486	Insignificant increase	None	George VI RG (Crowhurst) Ashburnham RG Catsfield RG Crowhurst Park Cricket Ground
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	No plans for over 6 units	Insignificant increase		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are no significant plans for house allocation over 6 units in the forward plan allocations.</li><li>Current population has significantly less in the 15-29 age group than the national average.</li><li>Significantly more in the 45-64 age group.</li><li>Below average number of people in households below 60% GB median income.</li><li>Only 8.1% of households are without cars compared with 26.8% nationally.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilities are currently used for football, cricket and stoolball only.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No identified requirement for additional provision.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. Support initiatives to increase the quality of existing facilities, particularly for training.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Over 50 juniors use Crowhurst Park.</li><li>There is no evidence that additional provision is needed.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Good and average across the area.</li><li>Although facilities at Catsfield are excellent, litter and dog mess bring the score down. Investment has been made into improving drainage, but the site is a little uneven.</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ashburnham Recreation Ground: Good</li><li>Crowhurst: Average</li><li>Catsfield: Excellent</li><li>Crowhurst Park: Good</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. Support the junior developments at clubs such as Crowhurst Park. 2. Support initiatives to increase the quality of existing facilities, particularly for training.			

Crowhurst	
Football	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no evidence that additional provision is needed.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football is played at Catsfield and at George VI Recreation Ground in Crowhurst. The pitches are good at both sites.</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crowhurst (George VI Recreation Ground): Average</li> <li>Catsfield: Excellent</li> </ul>
Recommendations	1. Support Clubs in increasing the quality of existing facilities, particularly for training including artificial surfaces or MUGAs.
Rugby, Hockey & Bowls	
Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is currently no provision, nor demand for it.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	1. No action is recommended at present.

Darwell				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	5,122	Insignificant increase (37)	None	Burwash Common RG Swan Meadow (Burwash) Netherfield RG Brightling Cricket Ground Solomon’s Lane RG (Mountfield) King George Playing Field (Mountfield)
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	17 large site commitments	Insignificant increase (7)		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of residents aged 15-29 is significantly less than average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 45-64 is significantly above average.</li><li>• Only 8.8% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of sites are also used for stoolball.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The quantity of current provision will meet future need.</li></ul>			
General	1. Improve existing provision rather than creating new facilities.			



Darwell	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
Cricket	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No evidence that additional provision is needed now or in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mountfield and Burwash: good</li> <li>Netherfield, Brightling and Burwash Common: average</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burwash: excellent</li> <li>Burwash Common and Netherfield: good</li> <li>Mountfield (King George PF): replaced with new facility since survey was undertaken.</li> <li>Brightling: very poor</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Improvements to changing accommodation needed at Brightling.
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No evidence that additional provision is needed at the current time.</li> <li>Currently there are few dedicated junior pitches. Additional ones may be needed in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good across the area although variable at Solomon's Lane due to drainage issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burwash: excellent</li> <li>Netherfield: good</li> <li>Mountfield (Solomon's Lane): average</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support improvements to pitches, particularly at Solomon's Lane.</li> <li>Support improvements to changing accommodation, particularly at Solomon's Lane.</li> </ol>
Rugby, Hockey & Bowls	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. No action is recommended at present.

Ewhurst & Sedlescombe				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds

Ewhurst & Sedlescombe				
	2,482	Insignificant increase (27)	None	Sedlescombe Sports Field Herdman's Field (Ewhurst Green) Staplecross Bowls Green (Staplecross RG)
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	12 additional dwellings	Insignificant increase (5)		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of residents aged 15-29 is significantly less than average.</li><li>Number of residents aged 45-64 is significantly above average.</li><li>Only 8.8% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No organised sports are currently played at Staplecross Recreation Ground.</li><li>Some sites are also used for stoolball.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No additional pitches needed.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. Improve existing provision rather than creating new facilities.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adequate across the area except for lack of training provision.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sedlescombe: good. Fencing and loss of balls is an issue.</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sedlescombe: excellent.</li><li>Staplecross: average</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. Provide local all-weather training facilities in Sedlescombe.			
Football				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meets current demand except in terms of capacity of training facilities.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sedlescombe: good, but some drainage issues causing matches to be cancelled.</li><li>Ewhurst Green: average</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sedlescombe: excellent. Parking capacity issues.</li><li>Ewhurst Green: poor</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. New accommodation needed at Ewhurst Green. 2. Provide local training facilities (artificial surfacing / MUGAs) in Sedlescombe. 3. Support clubs in improving existing pitches.			

Ewhurst & Sedlescombe	
Bowls	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional demand has been identified.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staplecross Bowls Green: Very good</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staplecross Bowls Green: Excellent</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. No action is recommended at present.
Rugby, Hockey	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. No action is recommended at present.

Salehurst				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	4,501	35	Robertsbridge Community College	Bodiam RG The Clappers RG (Robertsbridge) Robertsbridge Cricket Ground Drewett Cricket Field (Hurst Green)
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	16 additional dwellings	Insignificant (7)		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number under 14s is above national average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 15-29 is approximately 5% less than average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 45-64 is approximately 5% above average.</li><li>• Number of households below 60% GB median income is 8% below national average.</li><li>• Only 12.8% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets demand in terms of quantity, except for training provision.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is not anticipated that additional provision will be needed.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. See detailed recommendations below.			

Salehurst	
Cricket	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of training and supporting pitches is an issue at Robertsbridge due to the size of the club meaning facilities at Vinehall and Mountfield have to be used.</li> <li>• Bodiam Village Cricket Club have to train at Horntye due to lack of local facilities.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robertsbridge (Cricket Field): good</li> <li>• Bodiam: good</li> <li>• Hurst Green: average</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robertsbridge (Cricket Field): good</li> <li>• Hurst Green: average</li> <li>• Bodiam: poor</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with Robertsbridge Community College on facility provision for community use.</li> <li>2. Improve existing pitch provision including training facilities at Bodiam.</li> <li>3. Support improvements to pavilion facilities, particularly at Bodiam.</li> </ol>
Football	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No local access to indoor training at Robertsbridge and Bodiam.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robertsbridge (The Clappers): good although drainage issues have caused junior matches to be cancelled.</li> <li>• Bodiam: good although drainage can be an issue.</li> <li>• Hurst Green: average</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robertsbridge (The Clappers): good</li> <li>• Hurst Green: average</li> <li>• Bodiam: poor</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate options for Robertsbridge juniors to utilise facilities at the Community College and/or support drainage improvements at The Clappers.</li> <li>2. Support improvements to pitches across the area.</li> <li>3. Improve pavilion facilities, particularly at Bodiam and Hurst Green.</li> </ol>
Rugby	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robertsbridge has had a rugby club in the past, but it is believed that there are currently no local rugby teams. Although there is no identified demand for provision, this may change following work between the Rugby Association and colleges in Battle and Robertsbridge to develop the sport.</li> </ul>

Salehurst	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities exist to develop dedicated provision, should demand arise.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Support Claverham College in working with the community if the need for provision arises in the future.
Hockey & Bowls	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No identified demand for hockey or bowls facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. No action is recommended at present.

Ticehurst & Etchingam				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	4,133	94	None	Flimwell RG Stonegate (Cottenden Road) RG Bell Field (Ticehurst) Ticehurst Institute RG
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	47 additional dwellings	20		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of residents aged 15-29 is approximately 10% below national average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 45-64 is approximately 8% above average.</li><li>• Number of households below 60% GB median income is 9% below national average.</li><li>• Only 10.5% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is no outdoor sports provision in Etchingam.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is unlikely that additional facilities will be needed except in Etchingam.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. Improve the quality of existing provision.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is demand for a cricket pitch in Etchingam. The existing team has no base and is only able to play away matches.</li></ul>			

Ticehurst & Etchingham	
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flimwell: good</li> <li>• Stonegate: average</li> <li>• (Ticehurst (Bell Field): not assessed. It is believed that the Bell Pub uses the pitch for friendly games.)</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flimwell: good</li> <li>• Stonegate: poor</li> <li>• Ticehurst (Bell Field): very poor</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate opportunities to meet the demand for cricket provision within or close to Etchingham.</li> <li>2. Improve changing accommodation and pitch provision where possible, prioritising Stonegate and Ticehurst subject to demand.</li> </ol>
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate pitch provision for existing and future population.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stonegate: average</li> <li>• Ticehurst (Bell Field): good, but drainage issues result in matches being cancelled.</li> <li>• Ticehurst (Institute): good</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stonegate: poor</li> <li>• Ticehurst (Bell Field): very poor</li> <li>• Ticehurst (Institute): No accommodation</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the upgrade of existing changing accommodation at Stonegate and Bell Field (Ticehurst).</li> <li>2. Support improvement to existing pitches.</li> </ol>
Rugby, Hockey and Bowls	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No rugby, hockey or bowls is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>

Rother Levels				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds

Rother Levels				
	4,857	114	None	The Maltings RG (Peasmarsh) Pelsham Cricket Ground (Peasmarsh) Northiam Bowls Green Northiam Playing Fields Frewen College Playing Field (Northiam) Beckley Bowls Green (Beckley RG) Beckley Cricket Field
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	57 additional dwellings	25		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of residents aged 15-29 is approximately 11% below national average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 45-64 is approximately 6% above average.</li><li>• Only 12.3% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No organised sports are currently played at Beckley Recreation Ground.</li><li>• Cricket, football, stoolball and bowls are played in the area.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No significant increase in demand is forecasted.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. See detailed recommendations below.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pitch and training provision is very limited, but there is no evidence that demand exceeds provision now or that it will do in the future.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beckley: average</li><li>• Northiam (Frewen College): good</li><li>• No contact could be made with Pelsham Cricket Club.</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beckley: very poor</li><li>• Northiam (Frewen College): Not assessed</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. Renew/replace cricket pavilion at Beckley.			
Football				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is very little facility provision for junior football in the area. Beckley has a thriving junior club, but no local pitch or pavilion to utilise.</li></ul>			

Rother Levels	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are few outdoor areas for training in the villages. The nearest indoor training facility is Rye Leisure Centre. Space at Pretious Sports Hall is insufficient for adult training.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northiam: good</li> <li>Peasmarsh: average</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peasmarsh: good</li> <li>Northiam: average</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider providing a pitch and pavilion in Beckley, possibly at the existing recreation ground.</li> <li>Support improvements to changing accommodation at Peasmarsh and Northiam.</li> <li>Support clubs in upgrading pitches at Peasmarsh and Northiam.</li> <li>Provide outdoor training facilities in the area and develop opportunities for junior play.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support improvements to pavilions at Northiam and Peasmarsh.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northiam: good</li> <li>Beckley: good</li> <li>Peasmarsh: good</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northiam: average</li> <li>Beckley: good</li> <li>Peasmarsh: average</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>
Rugby & Hockey	
Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>

Marsham				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	3,909	34	None	Pett RG Guestling Playing Field
	Housing Figures	Increased Future		



Marsham				
		Participation in Sport		(Wood Field,Fairlight)
	17 additional dwellings	Insignificant (7)		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of residents aged over 75 is above the national average.</li><li>Significantly fewer residents under 29 years of age than nationally.</li><li>Only 10.5% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quantity and quality issues, particularly with football.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quantity and quality issues will become a barrier to participation.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	1. Explore options to link with educational establishments or youth clubs for coaching and training across all sports.			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The quantity of pitch provision meets local need except in terms of training facilities.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guestling: good. However, lack of training opportunities is preventing clubs from attracting young people.</li><li>Pett: average</li><li>(Fairlight: below average. It is thought that the ground is now only used for casual play.)</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guestling: borderline average-poor</li><li>Pett: poor</li><li>(Fairlight: no accommodation for changing although Animate building has been used in the past.)</li></ul>			
Recommendations	1. Provide better changing accommodation across the ward. 2. Support clubs in upgrading pitch provision and support/training facilities such as nets at Pett.			
Football				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guestling Rangers are the main team in the area.</li><li>Provision is limited and does not meet current demand across the Ward.</li><li>Buckwood School have expressed a wish to use the pitches at Guestling.</li><li>Pett Parish Council and the local football club have previously tried to bring back into public use a very good pitch and facility at Pannel Lane, but to date have been unsuccessful.</li></ul>			
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guestling: good</li><li>(Fairlight: below average. It is thought that the ground is now only used for casual play.)</li></ul>			
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guestling: borderline average-poor</li><li>(Fairlight: no accommodation for changing.)</li></ul>			

Marsham	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the quality of existing pitches.</li> <li>2. Provide better changing accommodation and support facilities.</li> <li>3. Pursue opportunities to bring Panel Lane facilities back into public use.</li> <li>4. Explore opportunities for mutually beneficial arrangements with Buckswood School.</li> <li>5. Identify additional sites for pitch provision in the ward.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quantity of provision is sufficient.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pett: good</li> <li>• Fairlight: good</li> <li>• Guestling: average</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pett: good</li> <li>• Fairlight: good</li> <li>• Guestling: average</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support clubs in maintaining and improving the quality of existing provision.</li> </ol>
Rugby & Hockey	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>

Eastern Rother				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	5,371	132	None	Icklesham RG
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		Iden RG
	48 large scale commitments + 18 allocations	29		Iden Bowls Green
Points of Note	• Number of residents aged over 75 is above the national average.			
	Winchelsea RG			
	Winchelsea Beach RG (Johnson's Field, Camber) (Rye Harbour RG)			

Eastern Rother	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significantly fewer residents under 29 years of age.</li> <li>Only 10.5% of households are without cars.</li> </ul>
<b>Current Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football, cricket and bowls facilities are provided, but not in all communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Future Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity within the ward should be adequate with increased utilisation of little-used sites and provided that qualitative and support facility issues are addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>General Recommendations</b>	1. See detailed recommendations below.
Cricket	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantity of pitch provision meets demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Icklesham: borderline average-good</li> <li>Iden: good</li> <li>Winchelsea: average</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Icklesham: borderline average-good</li> <li>Iden: average</li> <li>Winchelsea: borderline average-poor</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Support improvements to pavilions at Icklesham, Iden and Winchelsea.
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winchelsea Beach serves as an important hub for junior football in the Rye area.</li> <li>Quantity of pitch provision should be adequate for the area, but training facilities including MUGAs are lacking.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Icklesham: good although local club states that poor drainage causes problems</li> <li>Iden: good</li> <li>Winchelsea Beach: average. Suffers from rabbit damage.</li> <li>Camber: good, but no organised sport is currently played here.</li> <li>Rye Harbour: average, but no regular team use.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Icklesham: borderline average-good</li> <li>Iden: average</li> <li>Winchelsea Beach: borderline average-good</li> <li>Camber: no accommodation</li> <li>Rye Harbour: no accommodation</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Improve existing pavilions.

Eastern Rother	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support initiatives to set up junior and senior teams in Camber and Rye Harbour which are isolated communities.</li> <li>Consider the changing needs of Rye Bay FC based at Winchelsea Beach as small-sided football changes e.g. the introduction of 9 v 9.</li> <li>Support clubs wishing to improve the quality of existing pitches and in providing training facilities including MUGAs.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quantity of provision meets demand.</li> </ul>
Pitch Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iden: good</li> <li>Winchelsea: average</li> </ul>
Changing Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iden: borderline average-good</li> <li>Winchelsea: average</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve pavilions and greens when opportunities arise.</li> </ol>
Rugby & Hockey	
Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>

Brede Valley				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	5,003	212	None	Broad Oak RG Westfield Down Cricket Pitch Parish Sports Ground (Westfield) Udimore Cricket Ground Westfield Bowls Green
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	106 dwellings	46		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of residents aged 15-29 is 9% below the national average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 45-64 is 10% more than the national average.</li><li>• Only 10.1% of households are without cars.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality is a barrier to the development of local clubs and presents a risk to their sustainability.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is expected that there will be a significant increase in population and current provision is unlikely to satisfy</li></ul>			

Brede Valley	
	demand. Westfield potentially to serve as a hub for cricket and football.
<b>General Recommendations</b>	1. Ensure that there is at least one high quality football facility and also a good quality cricket facility in the area (possibly joint use) with associated training provision.
Cricket	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quantity of provision meets local demand.</li> <li>Very few games played at Udimore.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad Oak Brede: borderline average-good</li> <li>Westfield: good, but space is very limited.</li> <li>Udimore: borderline average-good. Pitch slopes slightly.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad Oak Brede: no accommodation (Previously demolished. Youth building now utilised.)</li> <li>Westfield: borderline poor-very poor</li> <li>Udimore: borderline very poor</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursue the opportunity for a new pavilion in Westfield, shared with the football club.</li> <li>Support club/community initiatives in Udimore to improve facilities and develop the club as they arise.</li> </ol>
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westfield's pitch suffers from over-use and a lack of dedicated training facilities. In addition to the senior team there are several junior sides.</li> <li>Demand for senior provision in Broad Oak Brede has decreased over the years. Although there has previously been some local interest in junior play, there is insufficient demand to form a team. Juniors therefore travel elsewhere to play. The local primary school uses the site for sports.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad Oak Brede: Good, but not currently used by any teams.</li> <li>Westfield: good, but the senior team plays at county level and the pitch falls short of league requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad Oak Brede: Good, no accommodation</li> <li>Westfield: good</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Westfield Football Club's aspiration for higher quality facilities at a new local site to be shared with the cricket club.</li> <li>Support the Brede community in setting up a club and developing facilities if aspirations emerge.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no evidence that increased provision is needed.</li> </ul>

Brede Valley	
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westfield: good</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westfield: borderline average-good</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	2. Support Westfield Bowls Club in improving facilities if there is demand.
Rugby & Hockey	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rugby or hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. No action is recommended at present.

Rye				
Context	Current Population	Increased Future Active Population	Educational Establishments	Grounds
	4,443	148	Rye College	Cricket Salts Town Salts Rye Bowls Green Rye Rugby Club Ground
	Housing Figures	Increased Future Participation in Sport		
	74 large scale commitments	32		
Points of Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of residents aged 0-29 is slightly below the national average.</li><li>• Number of residents aged 65-74 is slightly above the national average.</li><li>• 30.7% of households don't have a car. This is a barrier to accessing facilities elsewhere in the district or in Hastings.</li></ul>			
Current Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The pressure on existing facilities causes conflict between clubs and is a risk to the continued engagement of young people and adults in sport.</li></ul>			
Future Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The capacity of existing sites will not meet future demand.</li></ul>			
General Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consider how the former Freda Gardham School site could address quantitative issues for all sports in Rye.</li><li>2 Build on relationships with Rye College and Rye Leisure Centre. Work in partnership to further aid the growth of junior and adult sport.</li></ol>			
Cricket				
Pitch Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only one pitch is available to accommodate a number of senior and junior teams. This creates difficulties for the</li></ul>			

Rye	
	club. The club has expressed an interest in developing facilities on the former Fred Gardham School site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An additional net and a bowling machine is needed for training.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket Salts: Good quality provision with access to an artificial wicket and training nets.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good. New pavilion shared with and controlled by the football club. However, the design is geared towards football rather than cricket and there is no scoreboard facility.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Support the provision of additional training facilities on the Cricket Salts or elsewhere locally.
Football	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dual use of the ground with the cricket club results means that fixtures clash where seasons overlap and there are conflicting aspirations. Limited space means there is no scope for developing junior pitches on the site, particularly since the introduction of the skate boarding area.</li> <li>The small artificial pitch at Rye College is used for training purposes due to lack of on-site provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good. However, Rye United play at a higher county league level than most village clubs and limited resources result in difficulties in maintaining the pitch and ancillary items to county standard.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider creating pitch and training facilities on the neighbouring Town Salts if resources permit.</li> <li>Pursue options for additional provision on old school sites if the opportunity arises.</li> </ol>
Bowls	
<b>Pitch Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets current demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Borderline average-good.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. Improve accommodation when resources allow.
Rugby	
<b>Pitch Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Club views the quality as being good. No assessment of Rye Rugby Club facilities has been undertaken by RDC.</li> </ul>
<b>Changing Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above. The club has refurbished this modular building in recent years.</li> </ul>
<b>Quantity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rye Rugby Club has developed a second pitch in recent years. It has aspirations to further expand, but the lack of available land currently prevents this.</li> </ul>

Rye	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to support Rye Rugby Club which serves as the main club in the district.</li> <li>2. Look at options to develop facilities on the neighbouring former Freda Gardham school site.</li> </ol>
Hockey	
<b>Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hockey is currently played in the area and there is no evidence of demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No action is recommended at present.</li> </ol>





## Appendix L: A Playing Pitch Strategy for Rother District Council

Q1. Please state the full name of your sports club:

Q2. Which sport(s) does your club participate in?

Football  
Cricket

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Rugby League  
Rugby Union

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Hockey  
Lacrosse

☐  
☐

American Football  
Other(s):  
(Please state)

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☐


Q3. How many members does your club have?

Male  
Female

☐  
☐

Junior (under 18)

Adult

☐  
☐

Veteran (over 40)

☐  
☐

Social/ non-playing

☐  
☐

Q4. Over the last 5 years has membership....

Increased

☐

Decreased

☐

Remained static

☐

Q5. How many teams does your club have?

Male  
Female  
Mixed

☐  
☐  
☐

Mini

Junior (under 16)

☐  
☐  
☐

Senior

☐  
☐  
☐

Veteran (over 40)

☐  
☐  
☐

Q6. Which leagues/ competitions do your teams participate in? (if possible, please attach a fixture list)

Q7. Please give contact name and telephone number for the above league/ competition organiser:

Q8. Does your club currently have a written development plan?

Yes  
No

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(please enclose a copy)

Q9. Which of the following issues are currently problematic for your club? (please tick all that apply)

- Lack of internal funding (subs/ fund-raising)
- Lack of external funding (parish council, governing bodies etc)
- Lack of appropriate local facilities
- Access difficulties for members (cost, lack of public transport etc)
- Lack of information about local facilities/ services
- Poor/ No relationship with local clubs (facility usage/ exit routes etc)
- Lack of voluntary assistance (committee members/ coaches etc)
- Membership recruitment/ retention
- Other. Please specify

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**Q10. Please complete the table below, listing the venue(s) that your club use for home matches and training:**  
(example responses are shown in *italic*)

**MATCHDAY VENUES**

Name and address	Postcode	Facility details (size/ surface/ ancillary)	Hired/ leased/ owned	If hired/ leased, from who?	Days/ times when used
<i>Alton Recreation Ground, Kings Road, Alton</i>	<i>GU99 1AB</i>	<i>2 junior grass football pitch, with changing rooms</i>	<i>Leased</i>	<i>Alton Parish Council</i>	<i>Sunday 10-12am Tuesday 6-7pm</i>
1					
2					
3					
4					

**OUTDOOR TRAINING VENUES**

Name and address	Postcode	Facility details (size/ surface/ ancillary)	Hired/ leased/ owned	If hired/ leased, from who?	Days/ times when used
<i>Alton School, Queens Road, Alton</i>	<i>GU99 1CD</i>	<i>1 junior grass football pitch, no changing rooms</i>	<i>Hired</i>	<i>Alton School</i>	<i>Tuesday 6-7pm</i>
1					
2					
3					
4					

**INDOOR TRAINING VENUES**

Name and address	Postcode	Facility details (size/ surface/ ancillary)	Hired/ leased/ owned	If hired/ leased, from who?	Days/ times when used
<i>Alton Leisure Centre, Prince Road, Alton</i>	<i>GU99 1EF</i>	<i>3 court sports hall, with changing</i>	<i>Hired</i>	<i>Alton Leisure Centre</i>	<i>Thursdays 8-10pm</i>
1					
2					
3					
4					

**Q11. Are the matchday pitches listed in Q9 your preferred location to play home matches?**

Yes  
No

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If NO, please state your preferred location (site name and address)

Q12. How many matches do you play on your main pitch each season?

Q13. How many games were cancelled due to the pitch condition last season (excluding frozen pitches)?

Q14. Does your club train on your main match pitch?

Yes  
No

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If YES, for how many hours per week?  
If NO, do you train on another grass pitch? If so, where

Q15. What are the three BEST pitches you have played on this season (home or away)? Please state site name and address:

1	
2	
3	

Q16. What are the three WORST pitches you have played on this season (home or away)? Please state site name and address:

1	
2	
3	

Q17. Please rate the following aspects of your main match pitch:

	Good	Acceptable	Poor	N/A
Firmness of surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grip underfoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bounce of ball on pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evenness of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of grass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Posts and sockets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers - clean, hot, plenty of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q18. What future plans does your club have?

Increase the number of members  
Expand the range of facilities provided  
Refurbish existing facilities  
Relocation to different premises  
None  
Other - please state

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Q19. In which town/ village do the majority of your players reside?

**Q20. If you have any further comments or views concerning playing pitch provision in [insert name], please use the space provided below:**

**Please return this questionnaire by no later than Monday 12th July. Many thanks for your assistance**

## Appendix M: Copy of site visit matrix and scoring sheet

### Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Changing Accomodation

Site ID

Changing Accom  
Name

Assessment undertaken by:

Date of Assessment:

Site Name:

Capacity of changing rooms;

(Number of teams that can change at any one time in the facility)

**Assessment Criteria** (please rank each of the following aspects for each pitch with an 'X' in the coloured box to the right of the chosen answer)

Element	Rating					Guidance notes	Comments	Score	As %	
About the Changing Accomodation										
Overall Quality	Excellent		Good	Average	Poor	No changing	Perceived quality of changing accommodationDoes it look well maintained, clean, safe etc	0	0%	
Evidence of vandalism	None		Yes - some			Yes - lots		Damage to pavillion, graffiti, broken glass etc	0	0%
Showers	Yes - Good		Yes - OK			No	Are there showers facilities, what is their quality (if known)	0	0%	
Toilets	Yes - Good		Yes - OK				Are there toilets - what is their condition (if known)	0	0%	
Parking	Good			OK		Poor	Is there enough for circa 20 cars, bays marked out etc	0	0%	
Links to public transort	Good			OK		Poor/non	Is the site close to public transport links, proximity to bus stop, train station, hubs.	0	0%	
Security	Good			OK		Poor	Does the accommodation look secure - secure doors/windows, evidence of breakins ( may get info from User Surveys)	0	0%	
Segregated changing	Yes			No			be used by both male and female teams at same time	0	0%	
								0	0%	

Scoring:

0 out of 41

Key:

over 90%	Excellent
60%-89%	Good
40%-59%	Average
30%-39%	Poor
Less than 30%	Very Poor

**Total Score 0 %**

## Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Individual Pitch Assessment

Pitch Number ID:   
 Site ID:

Site Name:   
 Pitch Type:

### Background information:

Number of games played on pitch each season

Number of games cancelled due to unfitness of pitch (excluding frozen pitches)  
 % of games cancelled per season

  
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**Assessment Criteria** (please rank each of the following aspects for each pitch with an 'X' in the coloured box to the right of the chosen answer)

Element	Rating					Guidance notes	Comments	
About the winter pitch/cricket field								
Grass cover - entire pitch / cricket field	>94%		85-94%		70-84%	60-69%	<60%	Where, 90%+ grass cover should be given 'Excellent'; less than 60% should be considered 'very poor'
Length of grass	Excellent		Good		Poor		Very Poor	The ideal length of grass will vary between sports
Size of pitch / cricket field	Yes - fully			No- but adequate		No - not adequate		Does it meet the NGB standard? See pitch sizes tab for dimensions
Adequate safety margins	Yes - fully			No- but adequate		No - not adequate		Does it meet the NGB standard? See pitch sizes tab for dimensions
Slope of pitch / cricket outfield (gradient and cross fall)	Flat		Slight		Gentle	Moderate	Severe	Cricket wickets should be flat.
Evenness of pitch / cricket field	Excellent		Good		Poor		Very Poor	Where field is completely level = 'Excellent'
Problem Areas: Evidence of Dog fouling	None			Yes - some		Yes - lots		If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Glass/ stones/ litter	None			Yes - some		Yes - lots		If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Unofficial use	None			Yes - some		Yes - lots		eg informal, casual use, unbooked use, kids kickabout etc. If no evidence, assume none .May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Damage to surface	None			Yes - some		Yes - lots		eg, golf divots, car-parking on field etc, if no evidence, assume none.May wish to refer to user survey
Training ; Estimated number of hours per week in season	0		1 to 2 hrs		2 to 4 hrs		4+	Training which takes place on the pitch area
Changing Accomodation								
Changing Accomodation	Yes			No			Is the pitch served by changing facilities	
About the equipment/ wicket...								
Winter Sports Only- Goal Posts - quality	Excellent		Good		Poor		Upright, straight, painted , for football, goals are there safe net hooks at both ends. If posts are dismantled after game, or are removable goals, assume Excellent.	
Cricket Only - Is the wicket protected when not used	Yes			No		Is the wicket protected when not in use - can be roped off or covered.		
Line markings - quality	Excellent		Good		Poor		e.g. Have they been painted recently; are lines straight and clear etc	
Training area	Yes			No		eg nets/ goals/ grids off main body of pitch		

### Scoring:

Pitch  out of 58  
 Equipment  out of 9  
 TOTAL  67

**Key:** 90%+ An excellent pitch  
 64-90% A good pitch  
 55-64% An average pitch  
 30-54% A below average pitch  
 Less than 30 A poor pitch

## **Appendix N: Clubs sent questionnaires -**

AFC Peasmarsh and Iden  
Ashburnham Cricket Club  
Battle Cricket Club  
Battle Baptist Football Club  
Battle Rangers Football Club  
Beaulieu Cricket Club  
Beckley Park Cricket Club  
Beckley Rangers Football Club  
Bexhill AAC Atha Bar ( AAC Sunday FC)  
Bexhill Amateur Athletic Football Club  
Bexhill Athletic Youth Football Club  
Bexhill Cricket Club  
Bexhill Downs Cricket Club  
Bexhill Town Youth Football Club  
Bexhill United Football Club  
Bexhill United Ladies Football Club  
Bexhill Youth Football Club  
Bodiam (Village) Cricket Club  
Burwash Cricket Club  
Burwash Weald Cricket Club  
Catsfield Football Club  
Catsfield Cricket Club  
Crowhurst Cricket Club  
Crowhurst Football Club  
Crowhurst Park Cricket Club  
Flimwell Cricket Club  
Glenco Youth Football Club  
Hurst Green Cricket Club  
Icklesham Casuals Football Club  
Icklesham Cricket Club  
Iden Cricket Club  
Little Common Football Club  
Little Common Ramblers Cricket Club  
Mountfield United Football Club  
Netherfield Cricket Club  
Netherfield Football Club  
Northiam 75 Football Club  
Northiam Cricket Club  
Parkhurst Cricket Club  
Pebsham Sibex Football Club  
Pett Cricket Club  
Robertsbridge Cricket Club  
Robertsbridge Rovers Football Club  
Robertsbridge United Football Club  
Rye Bay Football Club  
Rye Cricket Club  
Rye United Football Club  
Rye Rugby Football Club  
Sedlescombe Cricket Club  
Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club

Sidley Cricket Club  
Sidley United Football Club  
Stonegate Rascalls Cricket Club  
Ticehurst Football Club  
Udimore Cricket Club  
Wadhurst United  
Westfield Bohemians Cricket Club  
Westfield Football Club  
Winchelsea Cricket Club



## Appendix O: Club Comments on Sites and Pitches

Note these are club comments and provide useful subjective information on the local situation. They reflect clubs' experiences and relate to their own impressions of pitches and facilities depending on what leagues and venues they use. The pitch surveys in comparison were more of an objective score on one or two visits to a site and relate to the Playing Pitch Methodology scoring guidelines for pitches and facilities not more local comparison of what clubs feel are a good pitch or facility. Scores cover the main sports in the survey of cricket, football, rugby and hockey but bowls is also mentioned when surveyed.

### **Bexhill (West Rother)**

Pitches: Polegrove, The Downs, Little Common RG, Sidley RG, Sidley Social Club, Gullivers Bowls Green, St. Mary's RG, Egerton Park Bowls Green,

Recorded scores:

Cricket pitches:	Polegrove, Little Common Sidley Sports and Social Club - Good
Cricket pavilions:	Little Common - Excellent, Polegrove - Good, Sidley RG and Sidley Sports and Social Club - Average
Football pitches:	All pitches seen as good
Football pavilions:	Little Common - Excellent, Polegrove - good, Downs Sidley and St Marys - average.
Bowls:	Pitches seen very good and pavilions as average

Club comments:-

#### **Little Common:**

- 560 juniors including 10 female, so adults
- 36 matches 1 cancelled
- Poor - Issues around lack of funding and volunteer support, lines, evenness of grass
- Train at Bexhill College Artificial
- "Some pitches/grounds are cared for better than others e.g. Polegrove gets a lot more attention than L. Common Rec."

#### **Glenco:**

- 250 junior male 20 female
- 10 matches 5 cancelled
- Poor - Evenness, litter, changing showers, parking, funding, volunteers, soccer schools
- "Despite giving views on facilities in Rother there seems to be no progress. There should be consideration for long standing clubs (some have been around 30 years) and those giving Rother children opportunities despite ability. Academy Clubs which are money making and taking better players for the sole purpose of winning!! Should be limited to their use of these facilities. Is Little Common Recreational Ground open to all clubs?"

#### **Bexhill Cricket Club:**

- 95 juniors (10 female)
- 50 -60 matches 0 cancelled
- Poor - appropriate facilities, pitches need to use 2 in Hastings. Pitch bounce evenness grass value for money and quality pitch. Outfield a concern.
- Train at Bexhill College
- "The playing surface at the Polegrove ground is slowly improving due to a change in Groundsman however the state of the outfield on the ground is of major concern and

can be considered dangerous. Not enough work is done to encourage grass growth or level the field and extra events purely damage the ground for regular users.”

**Bexhill Amateur Athletics FC (Sat):**

- 72 adults
- 14 matches 5 cancelled (Downs, Sidley)
- Poor - litter, showers, value, funding
- Train at Bexhill College Artificial

**Bexhill Amateur Athletics FC (Sun):**

- 80 adults
- 15 matches 10 cancelled (Downs, Buxton)
- Poor - refurbish clubhouse, litter bounce, evenness line markings, changing, showers, parking pitch quality.
- “If Bexhill AAC did not use the main clubhouse there would be no changing rooms or showers.....the ref changes in a converted cupboard, no showers.”

**Battle Town (W Rother)**

Pitches: North Trade Road RG, Claverham College, George Meadow Cricket Ground & Battle Bowls Green

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitch - Good, Pavilion - Excellent

Football: Claverham pitch & pavilion - not assessed

North Trade Road Pavilion - Excellent, Pitch - good

Bowls: Pitch - Good, Pavilion - very good

Club comments

**Battle Rangers FC**

- 20 adults.
- 25 Matches 7 cancelled
- Poor - value for money, pitch drainage
- Train at Battle Area Sports Hall

**Battle Baptists FC**

- 30 Matches 8 cancelled 60 adults 10 juniors
- Poor - funding, volunteers assistance, lack of appropriate facilities, value for money, evenness length of grass, showers.
- Train at Battle Area Sports Hall
- Would like to expand juniors.
- “The main issue with local pitches is lack of maintenance. At Battle Rec the grass is often not cut and the pitch is never rolled. Drainage is poor in certain areas. The same is true of the pitch at Claverham. These issues become more acute in the winter when pitches become waterlogged and badly cut up. The problem as I see it is one of funding. The other big issue is the lack of decent floodlight astroturf facilities in Battle. I understand Claverham are having a facility construction but without lights!!!”

**Battle Cricket Club**

- 40 juniors, 36 adults
- 35 Matches 0 cancelled
- Poor - funding, vandalism, value for money, pitch drainage
- Train at Battle Area Sports Hall, nets at ground

### **Crowhurst (W Rother)**

Pitches: George VI RG (Crowhurst), Ashburnham RG, Catsfield RG, Crowhurst Park Cricket Ground

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Crowhurst Park & Ashburnham - Good, Catsfield & Crowhurst RG – average.  
Pavilions: Crowhurst Park & Ashburnham - Good, Catsfield - Excellent, Crowhurst RG - average

Football: Pitches: Catsfield and Crowhurst RG - Good.  
Pavilions: Catsfield – Excellent, Crowhurst RG - Average

Club comments

#### **Crowhurst Park CC:**

- 50 plus juniors 35 adults
- 45-50 Matches 1 cancelled (Crowhurst Park, Westfield)
- Poor - funding, volunteers
- Train at William Parker, own pitch

#### **Crowhurst Cricket Club:**

- 9 adults 4 juniors
- 25 matches (0 cancelled)
- “We are fortunate in having our own ground, albeit rented from the village parish council. Whilst the P.C. arrange for grass cutting of the outfield, the club are responsible for the upkeep and marking out of the playing area. Over the years there has always been someone in the village who has acted as groundsman on a voluntary basis, for which we are grateful. The current groundsman is very hard working and enthusiastic, but is in his late 50’s or early 60’s. If for any reason he was unable to do it, we would have a major problem.”

#### **Catsfield CC:**

- 25 adults
- 15 matches (0 cancelled) Catsfield
- Poor - members, litter and dog mess
- Train at no training

#### **Catsfield FC**

- 40 adults
- 30 Matches 12 cancelled
- Poor - evenness, markings, local astro, litter and dog fouling
- Train at own pitch and Bexhill college.
- “Need an astro turf facility in the Battle area. Need to prevent and deter dog fouling on playing pitches – enforcement needed.”

### **Darwell (W Rother)**

Pitches: Swan Meadow (Burwash), Burwash Common RG, Netherfield RG, Brightling Cricket Ground, Solomon’s Lane RG (Mountfield) and King George Playing Field (Mountfield)

Recorded scores

Cricket: Pitches: Mountfield & Burwash - good, Burwash Common, Netherfield and Brightling - average

Pavilions: Burwash - excellent, Burwash Common and Netherfield - good.  
 Brightling - very poor. Mountfield – new pavilion not assessed.  
 Football: Pitches: Burwash Netherfield and Mountfield (Solomon's Lane) - good  
 Pavilions: Burwash - excellent, Netherfield - good, Mountfield (Solomon's Lane) - average.

Club comments:

#### **Burwash CC**

- 24 adults 4 juniors
- 14 Matches 2 cancelled
- Poor - members & funding, upkeep of boundary fence and lane to ground, number of grass cuts to outfield.

#### **Burwash Weald CC**

- 3 junior 18 adults
- 13 Matches 1 cancelled
- Poor - funding and local facilities

#### **Mountfield CC**

- 10 juniors 30 adults
- 25 Matches 1 cancelled
- Poor - changing, funding volunteers, pathways with other clubs and pitch used by archery club, school and stoolball.

#### **Mountfield United FC**

- 15 juniors 20 adults
- 15 - 30 Matches 1 cancelled
- Poor - quality, parking, grass, sockets and evenness, volunteers, funding, accessibility public transport
- Train at Battle Area Sports Hall & own pitch
- "Up to last season 09/10 Mountfield had 2 adult teams, but due to lack of players, probably down to the poor pitch, we could field one adult team only. But the good news is that in the coming season we will have a junior team playing at home. I feel that if the pitch could be improved and car parking made better, the club would benefit as would the players"

#### **Ewhurst & Sedlescombe (W Rother)**

Pitches: Sedlescombe Sports Field, Herdman's Field (Ewhurst Green), Staplecross Bowls Green, Staplecross RGt

Recorded scores

Cricket: Pitch: Sedlescombe - good, pavilion excellent.

Football: Pavilions: Staplecross – average, Ewhurst Green – very poor, Sedlescombe – excellent (same building).

Pitches: Sedlescombe – good, Ewhurst Green - average  
 Bowls: Staplecross pitch – very good, pavilion - excellent

Club comments:

#### **Sedlescombe Cricket Club**

- 5 juniors 20 adults
- 15 Matches 2 cancelled
- Poor - need fencing, funding
- Train at - William Parker

- Sedlescombe CC: "We obviously are a very small club and we do all the pitch preparation ourselves and fund the autumn renovation ourselves.....We do need new fencing...."

### **Sedlescombe Rangers FC**

- 52 juniors (2 girls) 30 adults
- 50 Matches 20 cancelled
- Poor - parking, astro, appropriate local facilities.
- Train at Own pitch, Claremont
- "I really feel that our club has grown and grown over the years....The most important thing for our club would be to own our own astroturf....be a huge benefit for a lot of people..... we struggle for car parking."

### **Salehurst (W Rother)**

Bodiam RG, The Clappers RG (Robertsbridge), Robertsbridge Cricket Ground & Drewett Field (Hurst Green)

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Bodiam - good, Robertsbridge CG - good, Hurst Green - average  
 Pavilion: Bodiam - poor, Robertsbridge CG – good, Hurst Green - average  
 Football: Pitches: Bodiam - good, Robertsbridge – good, Hurst Green - average  
 Pitches: Bodiam - poor, Robertsbridge – good, Hurst Green - average

Club comments

Bodiam Village Cricket:

- 7 to 10 matches, 1 cancelled (20)
- Train at Bodiam and Horntye

Robertsbridge Cricket Club

- 50 none cancelled (175)
- Use Clappers site and Mountfield Johns Cross
- Train Vinehall and own ground

Robertsbridge Rovers Junior FC 14 and 6 cancelled

- Volunteers
- Bodiam Rec – nowhere for indoor training

### **Ticehurst & Etchingham (W Rother)**

Flimwell RG, Ticehurst (Bell Field & Ticehurst Institute), Stonegate RG

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Flimwell - good, Stonegate - average  
 Pavilions: Flimwell - good, Ticehurst (Bell Field) - very poor  
 Football: Pitches: Ticehurst (both sites) - good, Stonegate - average

Club comments

Ticehurst FC

- 15 matches 8 cancelled (25)
- Train Bell field and Uplands
- Issues drainage (plans to improve), funding, posts & sockets poor

### **Rother Levels (East Rother)**

The Maltings RG (Peasmarsch), Pelsham Cricket Ground (Peasmarsch), Northiam Bowls Green, Northiam Playing Fields, Frewen College Playing Fields (Northiam) Beckley Bowls Green, Beckley Cricket Field

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Northiam (Frewen College) - good, Beckley - average  
Pavilions: Northiam (Frewen College) – not assessed, Beckley – very poor

Football: Pitches: Good Northiam & Peasmarsch - average  
Pavilions: Peasmarsch – good, Northiam - average

Bowls: Greens: Peasmarsch, Beckley and Northiam - good  
Pavilions - Northiam and Peasmarsch - average, Beckley - good

Club comments:

Beckley Park Cricket Club

- At the time they were looking at rebuilding & replacing existing pavilion. Very old and in poor condition. Looking at funds.

Beckley Rangers FC

- “Our main problem is out facilities. We use to play all our games at the Jubilee, Beckley but they are poorly drained, and very rough and ready. As a result a lot of games have been cancelled.....In an ideal world we would have our own pitch and clubhouse but we are a very long way from this.”
- Matches cancelled & poor training. Beckley lack junior facilities

### **Marshall (East Rother)**

Pett RG, Guestling Playing Field, Wood Field (Fairlight)

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Guestling - good, Pett - average  
Pavilions: Guestling – borderline average-poor, Pett - poor

Football: Pitches: Guestling – good, Fairlight – below average. Panel lane disused pitch.  
Pavilions: Guestling – borderline average-poor

Bowls: Greens: Pett & Fairlight – good, Guestling - average.  
Pavilions: Fairlight & Pett – good, Guestling - average

**Club comments**

Pett Cricket Club

- 31 Matches 0 cancelled
- Poor evenness, sockets, changing., volunteers,
- Training: Own ground and at Hillcrest.

### **Eastern Rother (E Rother)**

Pitches: Icklesham RG, Iden RG, Iden Bowls Green, Winchelsea RG, Winchelsea Beach RG, (Johnson’s Field (Camber) and Rye Harbour RG)

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Icklesham – borderline average-good, Iden – good, Winchelsea-average.  
Pavilions: Iden – average, Winchelsea – borderline below average-poor, Icklesham – borderline average-good

Football: Pitches: at Iden and Icklesham - good, Winchelsea Beach – average, good. Camber- good and Rye Harbour – average, but not regular team use at either.  
Pavilions: None at Camber/Rye Harbour. Iden – average, Icklesham and Winchelsea Beach – borderline average-good.

Bowls: Winchelsea - Average pitch and pavilion, Iden - good pitch and borderline average-good pavilion.

Club comments

#### **Icklesham:**

- 25 Matches 15 cancelled (60)
- Poor: appropriate facilities and update pavilion, pitch overall poor, funding.
- “The pitch at Icklesham has been in a very poor state for a number of years. Recent drainage works (about 4 years ago) did nothing to improve the situation. Pitch is only rolled and cut during the cricket season.
- The pavilion was constructed in the early 1960 and is inadequate for current usage. It has only two shower heads (and only one shower regularly works). There is no separate referees changing room – which is a requirement of intermediate level football (we are currently play one division below this level).
- Opposition teams regularly tell us that our facilities and pitch are the worst in the league.”

#### **Iden Cricket Club:**

- 40 matches 1 cancelled
- Poor changing, showers, litter, parking, funding & volunteers

#### **Brede Valley (E Rother)**

Broad Oak RG, Westfield Down Cricket Pitch, Parish Sports Ground (Westfield), Udimore Cricket Ground, Westfield Bowls Green

Recorded scores:

Cricket: Pitches: Broad Oak + Udimore – borderline average-good, Westfield - good.  
Pavilions: Broad Oak – none. Udimore and Westfield – borderline poor-very poor.

Football: Pitches: No longer pitches in Brede/Broad Oak though aspiration to have one. Westfield – good though overused.

Bowls: Green: Westfield – good, Pavilion – borderline average-poor.

Club comments:

#### **Westfield Bohemians**

- Friendlies 25 matches none cancelled. (35)
- Poor aspects changing, showers and litter. (New Pavilion?)
- Lack external funding
- “We would like a new pavilion, together with toilet and washing facilities. Perhaps this might even happen if the Westfield Down project is ever started.”

#### **Westfield FC**

- 55 matches higher spec needed senior football (100), 1 cancelled
- Lack external funding
- Training venues Claremont and Filsham (Hastings)

#### **Rye (E Rother)**

Pitches: Cricket Salts, Town Salts, Rye Bowls Green, Rye Rugby Club (New Road)

Recorded scores: All pitches seen as good. Pavilion rugby new road excellent. Others good (one now being rebuilt due to arson)

Club comments:

### **Rye Cricket Club**

- 60 plus 2 cancelled. Use salts and rugby pitch plus indoor at Rye Sports centre (80)
- Poor aspects posts and changing (like to improve training), lack external funding
- “We are in desperate need of improved practice facilities. We have 70 colts – but lack the net facilities to support their development. We have installed 1 net at our cost of £11,500. There are no facilities within 15 miles radius.
- The changing facilities are old and antiquated – and relations between Rye Utd FC and Rye CC are not good – Rother needs to take a lead in developing a sports pavilion on Rye Cricket Salts for community use.

### **Rye Rugby Club**

- 15 plus 1 cancelled. (115)
- No poor aspects apart from using nearby land/pitches to expand
- Training Rye Sports Centre & own ground
- “We have built a very good club facility for the rugby club and have allowed Rye Cricket Club to install an all-weather cricket wicket between our 2 pitches for their 3<sup>rd</sup> (colts) team as they were homeless. We also make the pitch available for school & charity events.
- As the club youth and mini-section grows we have to train and play matches on our pitches which could be done on the adjoining unused field owned by ESCC.”

### **Rye Football Club**

- 40+ 10 cancelled (68) Salts
- Poor aspects posts and litter
- Variety of pitches an issue loss of junior pitch and impact skate area. Need for investment local councils, dual use and overlapping seasons, access,
- Training venue Horntye & Rye Leisure Centre
- “Loss of 1, 11 a side pitch and 1 mini soccer pitch at Rye Football and Cricket Salts due to poor planning and inappropriate positioning of skateboard/bike ramps. This one action has had effect of all junior football being lost in Rye.
- It is a well known fact that “grass root” sport is in decline due to funding and poor facilities. This strategy (follow s a report from 4 years ago 2006! Maybe this shows the importace” of sport and Recreation shown by local councils around the country.”



### **Club questionnaire responses on best and worse pitches**

It is difficult to analysis or reach any conclusions as there was a whole range of places mentioned. The pitch requirements of a village club or county league club vary and this is only subjective to how that club felt on that day on different pitches. Some also voted for their own pitches.

( ) = If mentioned more than once number of times in brackets

### **Places mentioned in the top 3 cricket pitches clubs use:**

Horntye (2)	Crowhurst Park (2)	Heathfield Park (2)
Westfield (2)		
Wadhurst	Rottingdean	Newhaven
Preston Nomads	Burwash Common	Eastbourne
Sedlescombe	Pett	Catsfield

### **Places mentioned as in the worst 3 cricket pitches they use**

Brede (2)	Hastings	Lydd
Bodiam	Pett	Frant
Catsfield	Braypool, Brighton	Hadlow
Seaford	Lewes, St Michaels	Eastbourne
Glyne	Chichester	

### **Places mentioned in the top 3 football pitches clubs use**

Hastings(Pilot Field) (3)	Lancing (2)	Crowhurst (2)
Bexhill(Polegrove) (2)	Catsfield	Eastbourne (Priory Road)
Pevensey	Bexhill AAC	Sidley (Buxton Drive)
Loxwood	Little Common	Hastings Bulverhythe pitch 1
Sidley (Gullivers)	Punnets	Ticehurst (Bell Field)
Wadhurst	Climping	Burwash (Swan Meadow)
E Preston		

### **Places mentioned as in the worst 3 football pitches they use**

Wadhurst	Mayfield	Sidley (Buxton Drive)
Magham	Mountfield	Holbrook
Ringmer	Robertsbridge	Eastbourne (Cross Levels)
Horam	Ridgeway	Wealden
Tackleway	Oakwood	Seaford
Icklesham	Bulverhythe	Eastbourne (Old Town)
Steyning	Hertsmonceux	Little Common
Westfield	Hellingly	

### **Places mentioned as the 3 best Rugby Pitches**

Pullborough, Brighton, Rye

### **Places mentioned as the Worst Rugby pitches**

Hellingly and Holbrook